

Grants to boost programs for youth

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CANTON Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery (StarkMHAR) has awarded \$2,500 program grants to The First Tee of Canton and Hannah's House 119.

Applicants had to be a community-based non-profit with programs for youth that address social factors, such as education, poverty and lack of family supports that undermine physical and mental wellness. Funding comes from the StarkMHAR Charitable Fund held at the Stark Community Foundation, which historically has funded two scholarship programs.

The First Tee of Canton is a youth development organization that teaches life skills, core values and healthy habits through the game of golf. Core values of courtesy, respect, judgment, responsibility, sportsmanship, confidence, honesty, integrity and perseverance are interwoven into the program.

The mission of Hannah's House 119 is "Connecting with, supporting, and mentoring young people, giving them a fighting chance to rise above their circumstances, while enhancing the quality of their lives, as they learn to make great life choices through guidance and training." The organization connects young, at-risk girls, including mothers, those aging out of foster care and those involved in sex trafficking, to life-changing resources. Mentoring is at the heart of Hannah's House 119; programming and mentors are committed to offering these youth guidance and opportunities to make a successful transition into adulthood.

For more details, visit <https://starkmhar.org/GIVE>.